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By His Excellency

Thomas Chittenden

Captain General Governor and Commander in
Chief in and over the state of Vermont

A PROCLAMATION

For a Day of Public Fasting and Prayer.

It being the indispensible duty of a community suitably
to notice the righteous frowns and rebukes of a
Holy GOD: to humble themselves before him for their
sins acknowledge their dependence on the supreme
Governor of the Universe, and Unitedly to implore his
blessing and protection, of which their multiplied
transgressions render them unworthy

I have thought fit to appoint, and by and with the advice
of the Council, do hereby appoint Wednesday the 29th day
of April next, to be observed throughout this State,
as a day of public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer: and
do hereby earnestly recommend it to Ministers and People
of every religious denomination, to assemble in their
respective congregations on that day, and with true, unfeigned
contrition and penitence of heart, confess their sins to
Almighty GOD, and implore the forgiveness of them through
the merits and mediation of JESUS CHRIST our Saviour;
resolving by the assistance of his grace, not only to reform
their lives, and forsake their sins, but to bring forth the
fruits of a virtuous holy life; earnestly beseeching him
that he would avert all impending judgements; that he
would cancel the prevailing evils and calamities of the
present day for the reformation and best good of his
people; that he would promote and maintain a happy
union between rulers and subjects and the different
ranks and denominations of people in the State; that he would
suppress vice, immorality and infidelity, prevalent among us;
cause the spirit of pure and undefiled religion to revive

and spread through the land; that he would build up churches in the true faith and fellowship of the gospel; cause true gospel light to spread and prevail through the world, and effect and bring a happy period to all dissention and division in matters of religion; that he would influence and direct the Legislative Executive and Judiciary departments in this state; that he would prosper and bless all schools and seminaries of learning, that even youth may be trained up to all useful knowledge and be rendered blessings to church and state. That he would prosper and promote husbandry, manufactures and every branch of useful commerce; that he would deliver and save our land from drought, frost, insects, blasts, and every other desolating evil; that he would prevent roasting sickness, bring forward the spring of the year in great mercy, and crown it with health, peace, plenty, and every needful effect of his goodness; that he would bless the United States of America, and open a door for the reception of this state into the union with them, upon honorable terms; that he would succeed the councils of the United States at home, and their negotiations abroad; preserve and establish their union; and render effectual the new plan of Federal ~~Union~~ Government; bless our allies, and render our connection formed with them mutually beneficial; that he would break the yoke of the proud oppressors of mankind; and grant that the establishment of freedom become universal, and the peaceful glorious kingdom of GOD our Saviour be established throughout the world.

And I do hereby recommend and strictly enjoin, that all servile labour and recreation be suspended on that day.

Given in Council, at Council Chamber at Fairhaven, this 7th day of March, 1799 and the thirteenth year of our Independence

By his Excellency's Command

Thomas Chittenden

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